— Students Hostel

— Bus Stands

— Tourist Centres

— Airports

— Pilgrim Centres

— Railway Stations

— Charitable Institutions

— Hospitals

— Educational Institutions, Public Libraries

4. A minimum guaranteed revenue per PCO per month to the Department in the case of Non-rural (Urban) STD PCOs is fixed at Rs. 16(XK

5. The amount of security deposit will be Rs. 5000/- or an amount equal to the average monthly revenue whichever is higher. The average monthly revenue will be calculated on the basis previous six months revenue.

6. Fortnightly billing cycle will be followed for recovery of STD PCO charges. If the charges are heavy, weekly billing may be resorted to by local telecom authority.

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Asstt. Director General (PHB)

Regional Council for Western Orissa

249. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the views of the Government of Orissa on the proposal for creation of a Regional Council for Western Orissa;

(b) jf so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the council is likely to be formed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The State Government of Orissa proposes to form a Regional Development Council, comprising the backward and hilly areas of the State including Kalahandi, Koraput, Phulbani, Bolangir and other parts of Orissa without limiting it to the Western parts alone. The modalities of the working of the council are being discussed by the State Government with different political parties in the State. It is for the State Government to ensure the speedy implementation of this and any other steps for a balanced development of the State.

Improvement in Personal Safety Level

250. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that personal safety is the lowest in Delhi amongst the major cities due to the highest number of fatalities on . account of accidents;

(b) whether this is due to highly inadequate public transport system of the capital city as compared to Bombay or even Calcutta; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the public transport system of Delhi and consequently improve the personal safety level of its residents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Public Transport System of the capital cannot be compared with that of Calcutta and Bombay as more than 50% of the commuters in those cities are carried by trams, metro and local trains, whereas in Delhi, the whole traffic is carried by motorised vehicles. At present, there are more than 25 lakh vehicles in Delhi, out of which over 27,000 are buses and more than 22 lakhs are personalised vehicles like cars and two-wheelers.

(c) The Government have taken the following measures to improve the